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COAST GUARD WINDING DOWN ISLAND END RIVER CLEANUP

BOSTON – Coast Guard Sector Boston responded to a large oil sheen Jan. 10 in the vicinity of the Island End River and adjacent waterways.

The Coast Guard, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and Clean Harbors Incorporated have overseen the cleanup operations of Island End River for the past three weeks. Cleanup efforts have resulted in 3,500 gallons of low sulfur diesel recovered from the Island End River. To date, the Coast Guard has spent more than \$140,000 from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund toward the cleanup effort. Coast Guard Sector Boston will continue to monitor the cleanup of the site.

During the course of the extensive investigation to locate the source of the spill, numerous samples were collected from suspected sources within the affected area, including ExxonMobil. The collected samples were sent to the Coast Guard Marine Safety Lab for analysis. Several of the samples collected

from the affected waterway matched the sample removed from ExxonMobil property. The Coast Guard has designated ExxonMobil as the responsible party and will pursue potential civil penalty action against the company.

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